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SUBJECT: CCC,FINANCE COMMITTEE CUSTOMS COOPERATON COUNCIL 47TH SESSION

1. A FULL DELEGATION REPORT WILL BE FILED UPON RETURN TO WASHINGTON. HOWEVER,ONE ITEM OF MAJOR CONCERN IS WITH REGARD TO THE COUNCIL'S PREMISE QUESTION. IT NOW APPEARS THAT SITE ON RUE DU MAGISTRAT,IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO PRESENT COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS AND NOW OWNED BY BELGIAN GOVERNMENT,WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE. SUBJECT TO WAIVER OF SOME BUILDING CODES,THE SITE APPEARS TO BE SUITABLE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDING AND EXTREMELY DESIRABLE FROM THE STANDPOINT OF LOCATION,HOWEVER,TERMS OF ACQUISITION TO THIS PROPERTY OR OTHER CONCESSION BY THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT ARE STILL NOT KNOWN. A PROBLEM ARISES BECAUSE THE SECRETARY GENERAL UNYIELDINGLY INSISTS THAT THE AUSTRIAN PROPOSAL FOR RELOCATIONOF COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS TO VIENNA CANNOT EVEN BE CONSIDERED BECAUSE THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN THE POSITION THAT IT WILL NOT AGREE TO THE RELOCATION AND THIS PRECLUDES SUCH ACTION SINCE COUNCIL CONVENTION REQUIRES UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT. THIS,OF COURSE, ELIMINATES ANY LEVERAGE FROM THE AUSTRIAN PROPOSAL IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT FOR EIGHTER SITE ACQUISITIONS OR TERMS OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION.

2. SUGGEST U.S. GOVERNMENT,WHILE NOT ENDORSING AUSTRIAN PROPOSAL,INDICATE TO BELGIAN GOVERNMENT THAT IT BELIEVES
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BELGIAN ACTION TO UNILATERALLY REJECT AUSTRIAN PROPOSAL

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IS INAPPROPRIATE AND THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT STILL
CONSIDERS THE AUSTRIAN PROPOSAL A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE SHOULD
SUPPORT DEVELOP AMONG SEVERAL MAJOR MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE
COUNCIL.
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